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FIRST PARISH IN HINGHAM

April

1940



The Minister Speaks—

IN EACH ISSUE of the Calendar, for a number of months, the Minister will use this space to address the people of the Parish personally and informally on Parish problems and the general good of the Church.

There needs to be fuller understanding and cooperation between Minister and people, between various groups in the Parish. This direct word, given and taken in the proper spirit, should bring us together in a more active and closely knit fellowship.

The Minister will speak frankly, but appreciatively, about the problems which concern us, and will offer suggestions and invite support in solving them. He will speak freely to you, and wishes you to speak freely to him.

Look for these messages. Read them carefully. Reflect upon them. Resolve to do your part in our common responsibility.

J. H. H.

J. HARRY HOOPER, Minister

Church gathered in 1635. Present Meeting House built in 1681. Interior restored in 1930. It is the oldest church structure in the United States to have been in continuous use.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1940

[Notices should be sent the Minister in writing before the 20th of the month. No responsibility will be assumed for omissions or errors when notices are not thus submitted.]



SERMON SUBJECTS

- April 7. "The Voice of God."
April 14. "The Bible as a Book of Prophecy—
Does It Foretell Events?"
April 21. "The Spirit of American Democracy."
[Lincoln Anniversary]
April 28. Rev. Arthur B. Whitney will preach.

April 1, Mon. Hingham Council of Churches will organize at a meeting in the Parish House at 8 p.m.

April 2, Tues. Lend—a—Hand Club will hold all-day meeting with Mrs. David T. Whiton, 403 Main street. Box luncheon at noon. Business meeting at 3 p.m.

April 7, Sun. Service of worship in the Meeting House at 10:50 a.m. Communion at 12. Church School at 9:50. The Minister will continue his talks on "The Bible As an Interesting Book". Kindergarten at 10:50.

April 7, Sun. Peter Hobart Club pilgrimage to Dorchester. Automobiles will leave the Parish House in time for supper with the young people of the Meeting House Hill Church, Dorchester. Following the supper there will be a joint meeting.

April 8, Mon. Annual Parish supper in the Parish House at 6:30 p.m. Special price of 40 cents, so that all may come. Mrs. W. Harold Mills, chairman. Annual Parish meeting at 7:30. Reports of officers and organizations. Election of officers. Adoption of the budget. Attend this meeting and take part in the direction of Parish affairs.

April 14, Sun. Service of worship in the Meeting House at 10:50 a.m. Church School at 9:50. Kindergarten at 10:50 Peter Hobart Club at 7 p.m.

April 17, Wed. Hingham Branch Alliance annual meeting in the Parish House at 2 p.m. Mrs. Norbert Capek of Czechoslovakia will speak at 3. Tea is in charge of Mrs. Frank W. Nash.

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April 21, Sun. Lincoln memorial service in the Meeting House at 10:50 a.m. Seventy-five years ago, on April 19th, the Town marked the death of President Abraham Lincoln with a memorial service in the old Meeting House at the hour of the funeral service. In this ancient church, attended by the original American ancestor of the martyred president, it seems fitting that this anniversary should be observed. Church School at 9:50. The Minister will give another of his Bible talks. Kindergarten at 10:50. Peter Hobart Club will hold a discussion meeting in the Parish House at 7 p.m.

April 22, Mon. Minister's Council meets with the Minister at his home, 158 South Street, at 8 p.m. It is important that the heads of all Parish organizations should attend.

April 25, Thurs. Garden Sale of the Ladies' Benevolent Society in the Parish House, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Plants, food, candy and aprons on sale. Spring luncheon served at 12:30, 35 cents. Afternoon bridge party in charge of Mrs. W. Harold Mills and Mrs. Joseph A. Bacon. Tickets 35 cents. Supper at 6:30, in charge of Mrs. Francis A. Edwards. Style show of ladies' apparel, modelled by men of the Parish. Tickets for supper and entertainment, 50 cents. General chairmen: Mrs. Howard A. Tinkham and Mrs. John H. Burnham.

April 28, Sun. Service of worship in the Meeting House at 10:50 a.m. Rev. Arthur B. Whitney of Quincy will preach in exchange with the Minister. Church School at 9:50. Kindergarten at 10:50. Peter Hobart Club at 7 p.m. Louis P. Nash will speak.

THE MINISTER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

The Minister is giving careful attention to all replies sent in. They will have a beneficial effect upon his work, and the general work of the Parish. Under fifty replies, out of two hundred, have been received. Please send in your reply, even if you have no suggestions. Use the stamped envelope.

MAY BREAKFAST, MAY 1, 6:30 to 9 A.M., 50 CENTS

FIRST PARISH DIRECTORY

Minister: Rev. J. Harry Hooper, 158 South St., Hingham. Tel. 0413.
Parish Committee: Clarence Hinckley Knowlton, Chairman. Tel. 0231-M.
David T. Whiton, Secretary. Tel. 1341.
Minister's Council: Heads of Parish organizations.
Treasurer: Tyler E. Carpenter, 20 Union Street, Hingham Center.
Tel. 0258.
Collector: Oliver C. James, 102 Hersey St., Hingham. Tel. 0566-W.
Clerk: Lyndon B. Tewksbury, 25 Garrison Road.
Music Committee: Mrs. Harold B. Murch, Chairman. Tel. 0916-M.
Flower Committee: Mrs. James L. Crawshaw, Chairman. Tel. 0020.
Head Usher: George M. Thompson, Tel. 0027.
Ministry of Music: Miss Edith Lang, 36 Babcock Ave., Wey. Tel. 0925-W.
Church School: Burditt W. Collins, Superintendent. Tel. 0427-W.
Ladies' Benevolent Society: Mrs. Harold B. Murch, President. Tel.
0916-M.
Lend-A-Hand Club: Mrs. George W. Stewart, 33 Bower Rd., Braintree.
Hingham Branch Alliance: Mrs. Walter B. Foster, President. Tel. 1086-W.
Fo'o's'le Club: Eugene F. Endicott, President, Tel. 1143-M.
I. P. R. U., Peter Hobart Club: David Smith, Pres. Tel. 0226-J.
Deacons of the Church: Clarence Hinckley Knowlton, Edwin H. Anderson.
Sexton: Frank W. Reed Tel. 0706-J.
Janitor of the Parish House: Frank W. Reed. Tel. 0706-J.

While other churches are older, notably those at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Smithfield, Virginia, the Hingham Meeting House is the only one of that age to have been used without long periods of vacancy, or to have escaped the practical ruin of its building. The Hingham congregation has worshipped regularly in the same Meeting House for nearly two hundred and sixty years, a length of time not equalled elsewhere in the country. The frame and walls of the building stand as built in 1681, except for the addition of side galleries in 1730 and 1755. The ceiling, erected in 1731, was removed when the building was restored in 1930. The curving roof timbers, which resemble the inverted hull of a ship, are probably responsible for giving to the building the name, the "Old Ship" Church. This unique roof is reproduced in the Colonial Room of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Benjamin Lincoln, Revolutionary general, and Samuel Lincoln, original American ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, worshipped in the Meeting House. Peter Hobart, the first minister, was founder of the Town. Dr. Ebenezer Gay, third minister, is known as the first American Unitarian. Dr. Henry Ware, fourth minister, was called from the Hingham pulpit to become Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard College, thus bringing to a head the Unitarian controversy. In over three hundred years the Parish has been served by but twelve ministers.

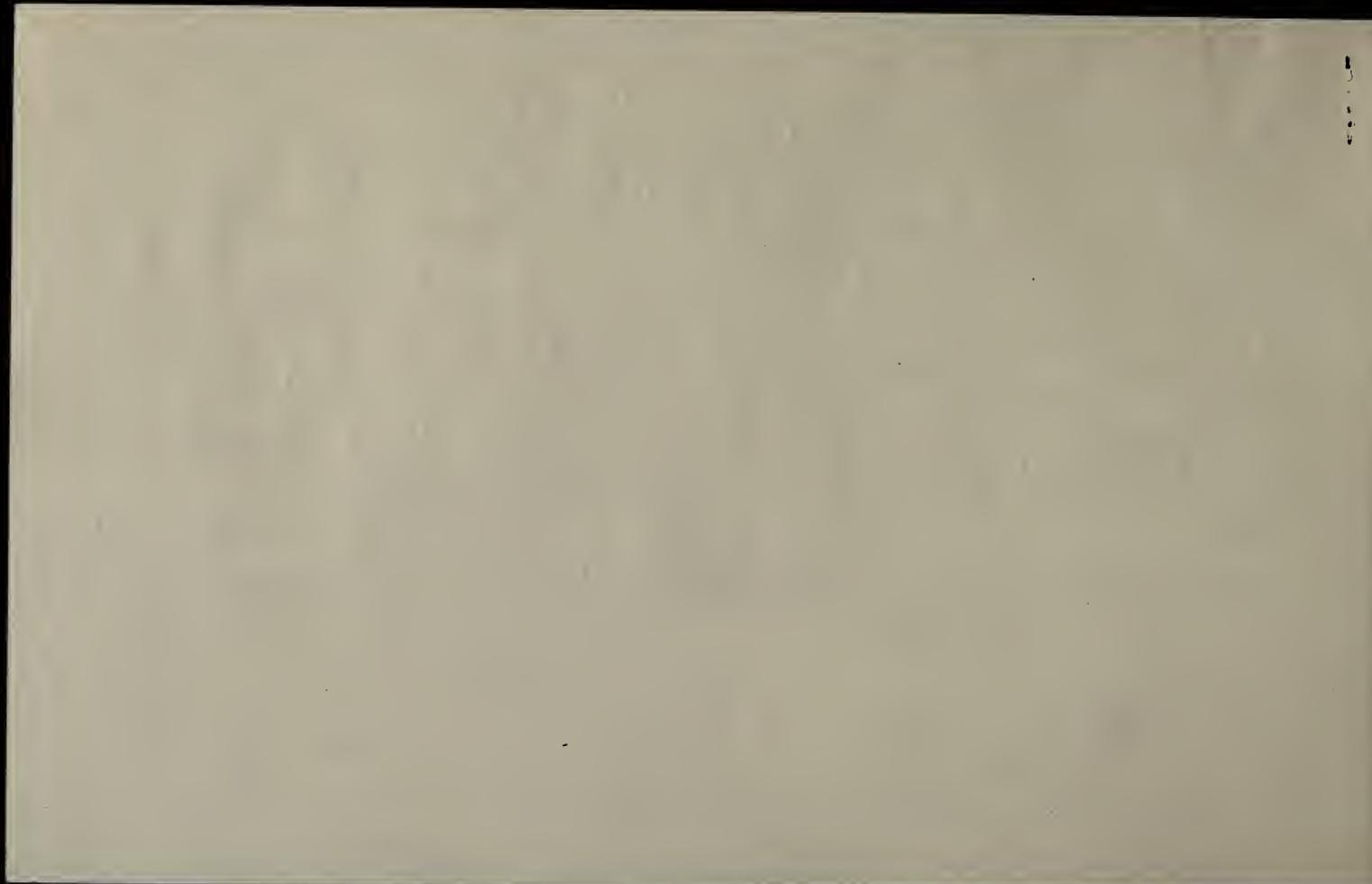
Pennell Creek Baptist Church
Micro Film excerpts

No mention of another Smith or any list of members
John Smith of Pennell is Cemetery member and clerk
of church book protocol written by him.

Zeichnen welches Frühstück magen? Gestern?

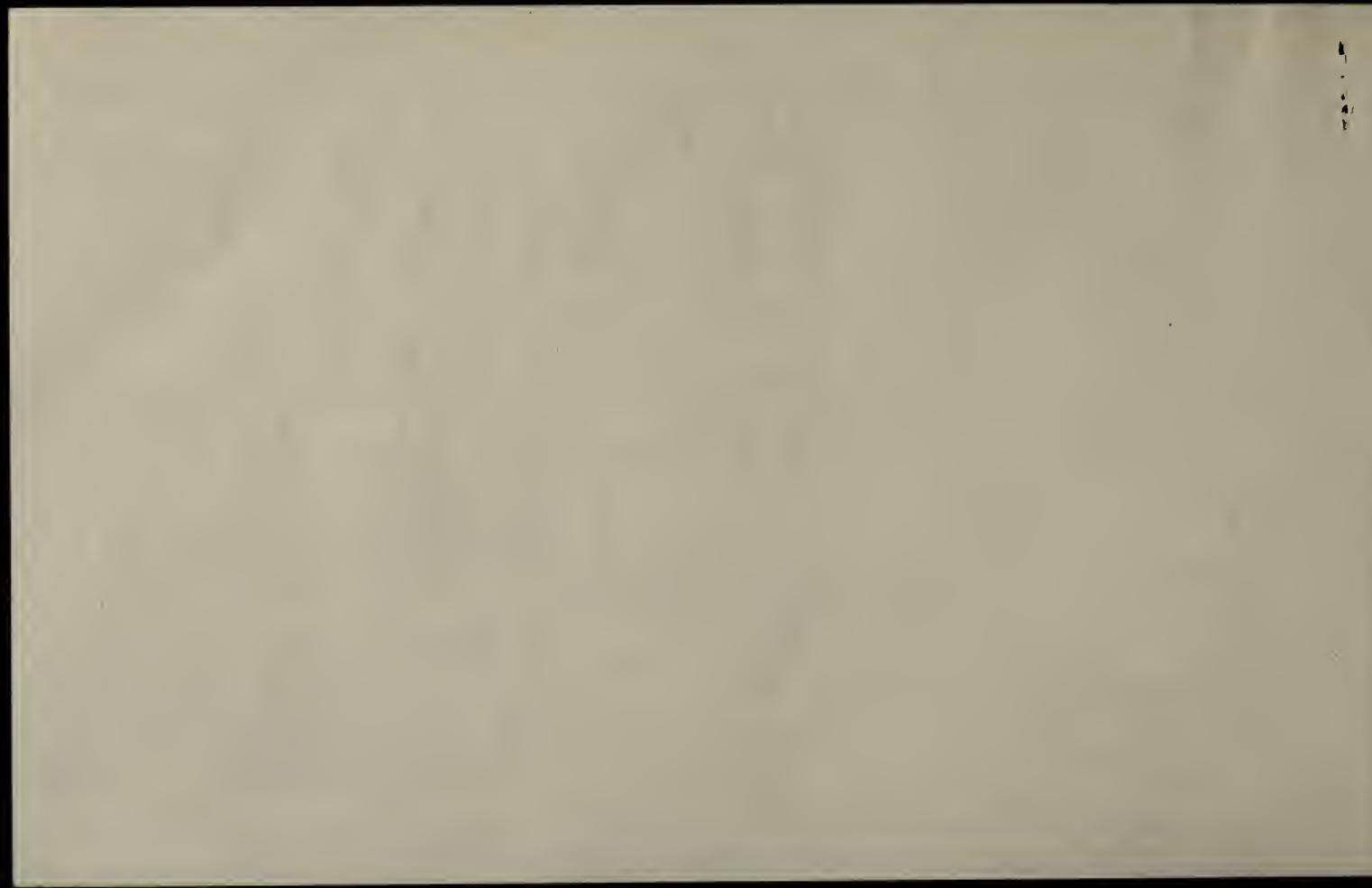
Saturday 8th Day of August 1772

" Dine in company with the following persons: Rev. Andrew Daniels, Hanek Alderson, wife of Thos Alderson, Hanek Garrison the wife of John Garrison, Ann DeCratoff and Catharine Warren the wife of Timothy Warren.



At a church meeting held at the
house of Brother John Lincoln on Saturday
the 15 Dec 1787. ~~Resolved~~. motion by Rev
Lincoln; whether this church should
unite and keep its constitution or join
with Bro. Moffitt's church bodily or
divide its own members (Lincoln's church)
keep own constitution for a while

7 Dec 1788 Bro John Lincoln church closed due to
Rev Thomas & friends off from the set
new book and heresy.



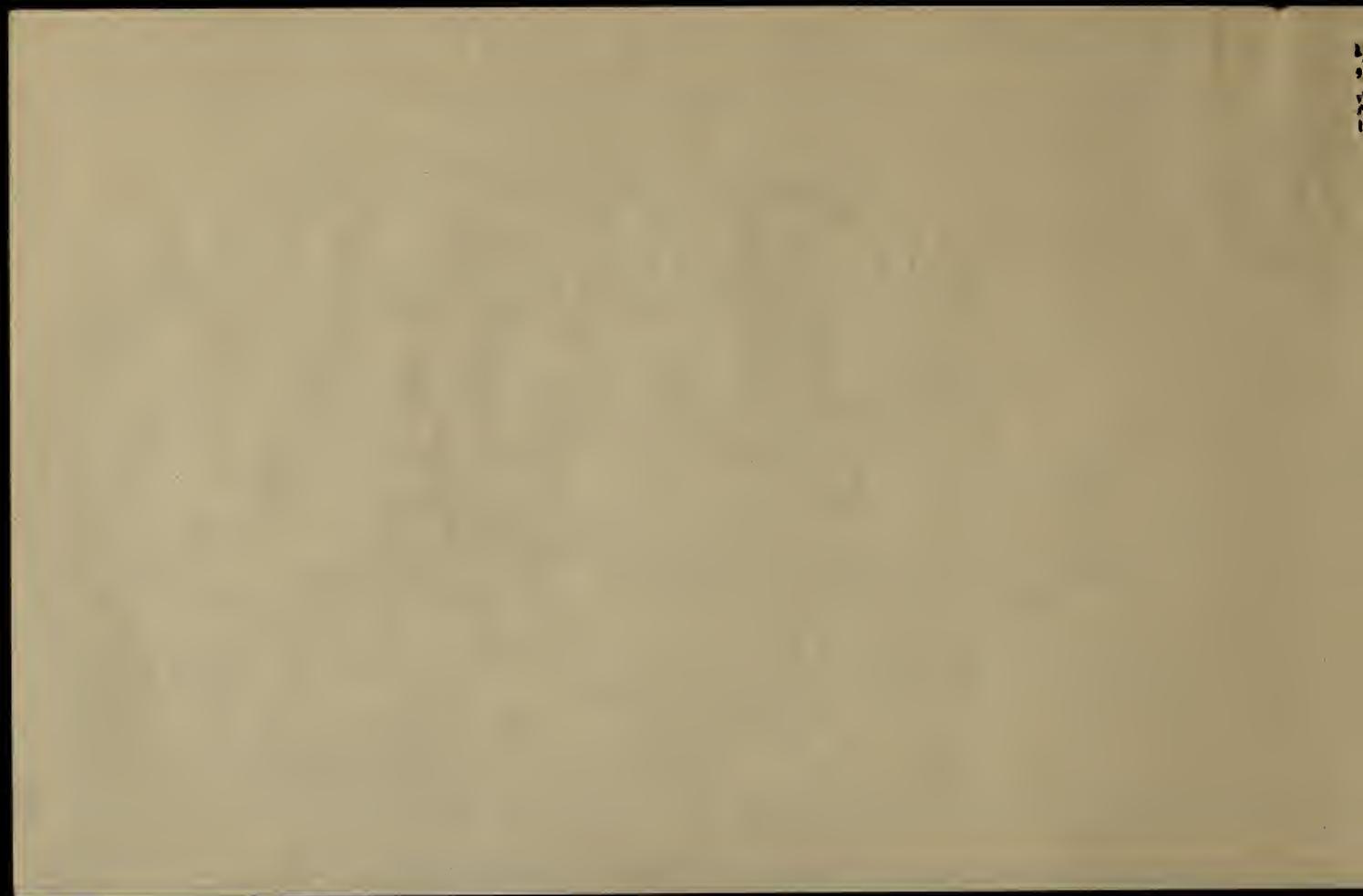
Mother wife of Hans y John Fuerst
Fuerst appears that ~~best~~ - climb book head by
Wesselsburg in our Valley

Mary Fuerst ^{Saturday after dinner zebrae April 1788} wife of John Fuerst never

(1791) Patience Grumfelt neived wife of David Grumfelt
Easter Henlon widow of John neived

Dinah Tallman wife of Benj Tallman
^{now tallman} neived

Elinor Gurn ^{now} wife of Norton Gurn



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